

# State Bar of California Membership Fees Information

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**Membership Fees:** All members, active or inactive, pay annual membership fees. Your first year's fees will be based on your *date of admission*, which is the date upon which you take your oath. A 2016 Fee Statement will be sent to you within 30 days of enrollment. Your future annual Fee Statements will be sent to your address of record in December of each year for the following year's annual fees. Penalties are assessed if fees are not timely paid. Once you are a State Bar member, to keep your address current, go to [calbar.ca.gov](http://calbar.ca.gov) and submit any changes using [My State Bar Profile](#) (your initial access code will be printed on the upper right corner of your fee statement).

**If you take your oath:**

on or before May 31, 2016  
June 1 - November 30, 2016  
December 1 - December 31, 2016

**then your 2016 membership fees will be:**

2016 Full-year Active Fees of \$430.00  
2016 Half-year Active Fees of \$215.00  
2016 Active Fees Waived

A Fee Statement will be issued within 30 days of your admission. **Fee Statements issued December 1, 2016, or later, will also include 2017 Active Membership Fees.** Fees are due within 45 days of invoice date. Late penalties will be assessed on the 46<sup>th</sup> day. Please refer to the actual Fee Statement packet for detailed deadline and penalty information.

**Status or Class of Membership:** There are two classes of membership: active and inactive. New members are enrolled as active members and will be billed active fees for the calendar year in which they are admitted. New members admitted June 1 or later will be billed a half-year of active fees. For those admitted in the month of December, that year's fees are waived, and the member will be billed active fees for the following year.

Transferring to inactive status is a serious step requiring the completion of a specific form available online at [calbar.ca.gov](http://calbar.ca.gov). Transfers to Inactive status may be done at any time, however, **new members are not eligible for the inactive billing rate during the calendar year in which they are admitted.** More information, including Active and Inactive forms, can be found on the State Bar's website at [calbar.ca.gov](http://calbar.ca.gov). If you will not be practicing law right away and are considering inactive status, you are encouraged to **contact the Member Services Center prior to taking your oath** in order to discuss your options.

**Bar Membership Cards:** Bar membership cards will be mailed within two weeks of receipt of your membership fees payment.

**Questions? Contact the Member Services Center at  
1-888-800-3400 or [MSC@calbar.ca.gov](mailto:MSC@calbar.ca.gov).**

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